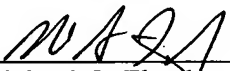


REMARKS

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner noted that single brackets instead of double brackets were incorrectly used by Applicants in the previous Response filed on November 23, 2004, to delete text in the specification and claims. Accordingly, by the present Response, Applicants have corrected and resubmitted the amendment sections "In the Specification" and "In the Claims."

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